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SUBJ: ADB RELATIONS WIHTH VIETNAM

REF: MANILA 5123 (NOTAL), MANILA 5202 (NOTAL)

1. SWEDISH ALTERNATE DIRECTOR ENGSTROM INFORMED ME TODAY THAT SWEDISH FOEIGN MINISTER SODER, WHO CURRENTLY IS IN HANOI, WILL ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE VIETNAM FOREIGN MINISTER TRINH THAT IT IS IN HANOI'S INEREST TO PAY ITS OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS TO THE ADB.

2. ENGSTROM, WHO HAS FORMERLY SERVED IN HANOI, STATES THAT THERE ORIGINALLY WAS A SHARP SPLIT IN THE VIETNAM POLIT-BURO AS TO THE ADVISABILITY OF VIETNAMS' JOINING THE BANK AND THAT THE QUOTE HARD LINERS UNQUOTE WHO LOST THIS ARGUMENOO ARE NOW STATING THAT THE BANK'S QUOTE UNSYMPATHETIC UNQUOTE ATTITUDE TOWARD VIETNAM HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT THEIR ORGINAL JUDGEMENT WAS CORRECT. REPORTEDLY THERE ARE STRONG VOICES IN CONFIDENTIAL

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HANOI WHICH ARE URGING THAT VIETNAM WITHDRAW FROMTHE ADB AND THE CURRENT HARD LINE TAKEN BY HANOI IS AN EFFORT TO PACIFY THE OPPONENTS OF VIETNAM MEMBERSHIP.

3. ENGSTROM STATES THAT TRINH WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO ORIGINALLY SUPPORTED BIETNAM MEMBERSHIP IN THE ADB. ENGSTROM ANTICIPATES THAT THE SWEDISH RECOMMENDATION

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WILL BE THROUGHLY DISCUSSED WITHIN THE POLIT-BURO AND
HE ANTICIPATES THAT IT WILL BE QUOTE A FEW WEEKS UNQUOTE
BEFORE A DECISION IS REACHED. IF THAT JUDGEMENT IS
CORRECT, THEN THERE IS FAIRLY GOOD PROSPECT THAT THE
ISSUE WOULD NOT COME TO A HEAD IN VIENNA.
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